

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2007.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The serial number of the related application cited in [0050] is missing. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicant has amended paragraph [0050] as required.

Claims 11-16 are objected to because of a number of following informalities.

Claims 12-16 have been amended to refer to a tool.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 23 has been amended to be a computer-readable storage medium claim.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ng (US 6,285,366) in further view of Brassard (US 6,769,095).

The independent claims have been amended to state that “the view does not show the root node of the hierarchy”. This distinguishes the cited prior art, such as Ng, in which an expanded view is used that includes the root node of the hierarchy.

Since the view of the present invention does not show the root node of the hierarchy, the display is simplified and made easier to use.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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